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IN RUMANIA AND ALBANIA

REPORTS ARREST OF RUMANIAN OFFICIALS -- Athens, To Vima, 17 Jun 51

According to information contained in Stratitika Nea, official Greek General Staff organ, new arrests have been made in Rumania. Among those arrested are: Vasilichi, Minister of Mines; I. Popescu, chief of the Ager-Press Agency; Gen Mihai Ionescu; former administrator of railroads; General Copaceanu; Col Misu Cristeucu; and over 100 other senior and junior officers in the armed forces.

NOTES ALBANIAN CABINET CHANGES -- Athens, Messenger d'Athenes, 21 Apr 51

According to Albanian refugees recently arriving in Athens, Vice-Minister Spiro Pano has been replaced. Minister of Industry Rita Marko has been replaced by Adil Karkani, and Minister of Justice Manol Konomi by Manusi Miftiu. The Albanian population generally believes that the ministers losing their posts had not given Enver Hoxha sufficient assurances of their desire to serve the USSR.

ANTI-COMMUNISTS ACTIVE IN NORTH ALBANIA -- Salonika, Makedonia, 19 Jun 51

According to Albanian refugees, the Mirdite area in northern Albania has been completely emancipated from the domination of the Hoxha regime and is occupied by anti-Communist forces.

ALBANIAN REVOLT REPORTED -- Istanbul, Yeni Istanbul, 17 May

Refugees reaching Italy from Albania report that large numbers of guerrillas led by General Bakhataras are battling government forces in an area 50 miles from Tirana. According to these refugees, this revolt is the result of a food shortage and the attempts by the government, acting under Soviet pressure, to colonize the country. They further report that the government forces, estimated at 100,000, are now directed by Soviet officers.

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